



Alksniakiemis – Pakuonis

Along the banks of the Nemunas through the Kalviai forest

From Alksniakiemis, the Forest Trail winds along a small country road on the left bank of the Nemunas and forms a more than 7 km long loop of forest roads and trails through the Kalviai Forest Massif (Kalvių Miškas). From Vangai village to Pašventupys, about 3 km, the Forest Trail winds along the banks of the Nemunas, from which picturesque panoramas open. Hikers will be delighted by the ever-changing landscape: small villages with gardens and fields sinking in the flowers in spring and summer, as well as fishing boats or other little boats on the flat river bank. 3 km past Pašventupys village by road No. 3313, the Forest trail reaches center of Pakuonis town.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 18 km

⌚ 4 – 6 h

🚩 Alksniakiemis, Bičiulių street.

🚩 Pakuonis center, Aušros and Sodų street junction.

📍 Alksniakiemis – Kalviai –
Vangai – Pašventupys



Small forest roads and country gravel roads, in Pakuonis town – asphalt.



Easy



Be careful when walking along the side of the road!



There are no catering services at this section. Shops are available only in Pakuonis town.





NATURE

Walking along the banks of the Nemunas is a great opportunity to watch birds. One of the most common species of waterbirds is the wild duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*). You will also be able to see the goosanders (*Mergus merganser*), black-headed gulls (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*, formerly *Larus ridibundus*), mute swans (*Cygnus olor*) and common goldeneyes (*Bucephala clangula*). These birds also nest near the banks of the river, so you must behave quietly and responsibly during their nesting. If you are lucky, you may be able to see one of the most ornate birds in the Baltic States – the common kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), which feeds on fish and nests in small caves on the slopes of the washed-up shores. When the river is at a lower level, in the sandy and rocky meadows and on the islands you can see the little ringed plovers (*Charadrius dubius*), common terns (*Sterna hirundo*) as well as common sandpipers (*Actitis hypoleucos*), but less often – little terns (*Sternula albifrons*). In some meadows you may be lucky enough to see the northern lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*). The grey herons (*Ardea cinerea*) and great cormorants (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) are often visible in the area. The sand martins (*Riparia riparia*) nest in caves of coastal outcrops.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1** Pociūnai aerodrome. Flight center located in Prienai district, Pociūnai, in the territory of the Nemunas Loops Regional Park. GPS: 54.65295, 24.05612
- 2** Kalviai forest. GPS: 54.66104, 24.10724

- 3** Old abandoned military base. GPS: 54.67177, 24.12721
- 4** Pašventupio I mound. It was installed on the edge of the valley on the left bank of the Nemunas and dates back to the 1st millennium. There is a resting area. GPS: 54.70175, 24.06725
- 5** Pašventupio II mound. The mound is overgrown with a dense mixed tree forest and is located 440 m east of the Pašventupio I mound. GPS: 54.70355, 24.07342
- 6** Daukšiagirės Manor. Built in the second half of 19th century by Frenkels, three Jewish brothers. The manor has been restored, it hosts private celebrations and corporate events. +370 68718769; GPS: 54.71667, 24.07257
- 7** St. Virgin Mary's Assumption church in Pakuonis. The church is historic, it has a rectangular layout, with a turret, a lower apse and a side extension. GPS: 54.72361, 24.05360

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1.** Homestead "Dvaro bravoro menė", +370 69995675; GPS: 54.71744, 24.07346



Catering

None in this section.



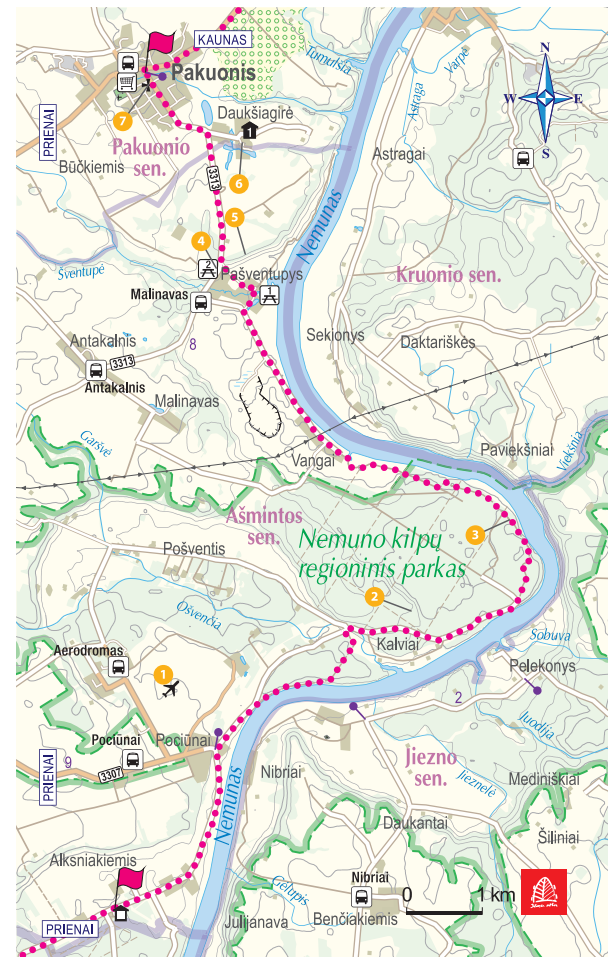
Shops

- In Pakuonis, GPS: 54.72541, 24.05022
- In Pakuonis, GPS: 54.72497, 24.04974



Pharmacies

None in this section.



ATMs

None in this section.



Public transport

No. 1. Prienai–Pakuonis via Ašminta, Malinavas (about 2 times a day)
No. 19. Prienai–Kėbliškiai via Pakuonis.
More detailed bus routes and lists:
www.prienai/go.php/lit/Autobusu-tvarkarasciai and www.autobusubilietai.lt



Resting areas

- 1.** Resting place, 🌳, +370 64742349; GPS: 54.69840, 24.07686
- 2.** On Pašventupio I mound, 🌳, GPS: 54.70355, 24.07342

TOURISM INFORMATION



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